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1. U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD REACT TO SYG'S REPORT BY RESTATING OUR POSITION ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

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- -- U.S. SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND MEET THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.
- -- U.S. ENCOURAGES AGENCIES IN THE UN SYSTEM TO EXTEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THROUGH UNRWA, THE ORGANIZATION SET UP TO DEAL WITH THESE NEEDS.

- -- U.S. STRONGLY OPPOSES EFFORTS TO CHANNEL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THROUGH THE PLO OR ACCORD THE PLO EXCLUSIVE STATUS AS THE SPOKESMAN FOR PALESTINIAN NEEDS.
- -U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

BY AGENCY HEADS TO ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2100 IS TO CONSULT WITH THE PLO AS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE IN A POSITION TO IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN DRAWING UP THEIR PROPOSALS TO MEET THESE NEEDS. IN DOING SO, AGENCY HEADS SHOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE MANDATES OF THEIR CHARTERS.

- -- U.S. BELIEVES THAT EFFORTS TO ACCORD THE PLO SOME SPECIAL POLITICAL STATUS SHOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH IN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ECOSOC.
- -- FINALLY, U.S. DOES NOT BELIEVE QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE SHOULD APPROPRIATELY BE CONSIDERED UNDER GENERAL RUBRIC OF THE DECLARATION ON GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.
- 2. DELEGATION SHOULD SHARE THESE INSTRUCTIONS WITH OTHER FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS AND SEEK SUPPORT BY OTHERS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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